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Juniors Dalton Decker and Jordan Denney live together in one of the many two person rooms in the East Tower Suites. For the first time in Northwest history Tower Suites and Forest Village Apartments are offering gender-neutral housing.

Northwest permits gender neutral housing

University implements new policy allowing students of opposite sex to share living space.

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In Tower Suites East, room 314 is just like the others: two beds, two desks and two wardrobes. One of the beds dons a gray and utilitarian bedspread, the other, a bright and flowery bedspread. A purse hangs from one bedpost while the toilet seat is up in the bathroom. The roommates, though, are totally different – one is a guy and one is a girl.

This fall, Tower Suites and Forest

Village Apartments began offering gender-neutral housing for the first time in University history. This policy allowed junior Dalton Decker and his girlfriend Jordan Denney to live together.

Last semester, Decker and Denney lived in same-gender housing. When Decker's roommate decided on different living arrangements, the couple took advantage of the new policy.

"My roommate decided he wanted to live with a different buddy, and I was alright with it because she was here," Decker said.

Residential Life worked last year to get the new gender-neutral housing policy approved before upperclassman room selection in the spring. The concept is straightforward in that it allows upperclassmen to live together regardless of gender.

Decker and Denney began dating

three years ago while in high school. Decker is majoring in computer sciences and Denney in dietetics. Both students have big dreams for a future they could possibly share. They consider living together a kind of a test.

"If we can make it through this year of a tiny little room . . . I'm pretty sure we'll be okay," Denney said.

This policy was not designed simply to allow couples to live together.

"Because of many different requests, we got a group of students together and really talked about what was the best option," said Rose Viau, Residential Life director. "Gender neutral housing is what we came up with."

These requests included different housing options for married couples,



Decker and Denney share a bathroom in their two person room in Tower Suites.

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University examining 'Greek town' housing

JENNA ANTHONY
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A Greek-village housing system has been added the list of possible projects for Northwest to look into during 2013.

The Greek village would house sororities and fraternities interested in becoming a part of a Greek community that would be located near or on campus.

"At this point we are looking at 15 to 20 big projects the University might take on and really, we're trying to see what kind of interest there will be from donors," said Matt Baker, vice president of Student Affairs. "There are a lot of different ideas, and one of these is a Greek corridor or Greek housing complex. So far we have just looked at the idea and brainstormed if this is something we want to do."

At this time the University and Northwest Foundation are investigating possible interest from donors to invest in the project. No plans for building have been made.

"We have very few houses that are actually owned by the membership; a lot of them are rented and some of them

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HANNAH JURGENSEN | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior Danielle Mullens works in the KZLX studio. Mullens produced a documentary that won an award for best documentary from College Broadcasters Inc.

Broadcast student wins national radio award for best documentary

ASHLEY THORPE
Chief Reporter | @TheMissourian

Northwest's student-operated radio station made an appearance at the 91st Annual National College Media Convention in Chicago after being nominated for three national awards.

Junior Danielle Mullens produced a documentary titled "Hospice: Waiting on a Loved One to Die." She won the Best Documentary/Public Affairs award for radio from the College Broadcasters Inc. convention held in Atlanta in October.

KZLX 106.7 was a finalist for Station of the Year and Best Sports-cast. The sportscast nominated was a play-by-play call from the Missouri Southern – Northwest game done by Matthew Brown, senior

station manager.

"We didn't win the awards, but we were excited to be nominated," Brown said. "It is good for our program because it shows that our hard work is paying off, and we are one of the top stations in the nation."

Jon Pluskota, mass communication professor and faculty adviser, said being a finalist really legitimizes everything KZLX has done.

"With past advisers you didn't really know what you were going to get from the show," Pluskota said. "The environment we have created now is a big part of why we can be competitive."

Brown said it was a great opportunity being able to meet with other members of college radio and see how they do things. This is the first time in over 10 years the station has been up for a national award.

Nodaway County incumbents retain offices after election

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On Tuesday Missourians showed up at the polls to vote on officials and four ballot measures.

Proposition A, which would require all local police forces to be controlled by a local governing body passed.

The proposed increase tax on tobacco, Proposition B, failed.

Proposition E passed, which prohibits the creation of a health insurance exchange unless created by a legislature or initiative.

Constitutional Amendment 3 failed, which would have allowed the governor to appoint four members of the Appellate Judicial Commission instead of three.

VITORIA BAIGI
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In a suffering economy, some Maryville community members are striving to make certain every child has a joyful Christmas.

This year the local "Toys for Tots" organization, sponsored by Today's Civic Women, will take a significant drop from the approximate \$4,000 cumulative donation in 2010. Last year the organization received about \$2,000. Chairwoman Anne Martin said it looks as if

County Positions

County positions up for election	
Red highlights represent the elected official	
Sheriff	
Darren White - Democrat	
Michael Galbraith - Republican	
S. District Commissioner	
Ron Wilson - Republican	
Bob Stiens - Democrat	
N. District Commissioner	
Bob Westfall - Republican	
David Smith - Democrat	
Public Administrator	
Diane Thomsen - Democrat	
W. Lewis Rice - Republican	

Community members host toy drive to benefit local children

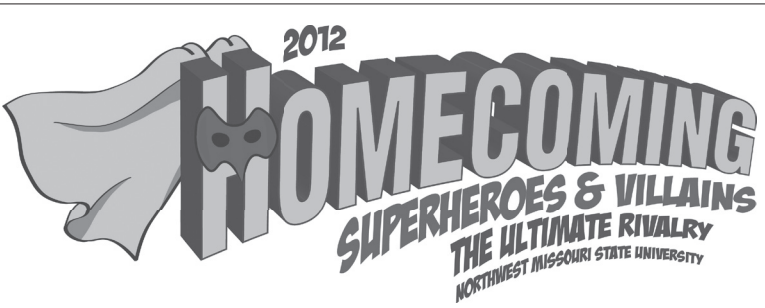
this year's donations will round to the same amount.

"We'd like to get back to the \$3 or \$4 thousand range this year," Martin said.

Martin blames the economy for the decrease in giving for the past two years.

"People out of jobs are just trying to get by with what they have," Martin said. "It's just really had an impact on everybody."

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2012 Homecoming Awards

Banner	
Highly Competitive	Third Place: Sigma Kappa Second Place: Phi Sigma Kappa First Place: Delta Sigma Phi
Competitive	Third Place: Blue Key Honor Society Second Place: Sigma Society First Place: American Sign Language Club
Canned Art	
Highly Competitive	Third Place: Sigma Sigma Sigma Second Place: Phi Mu First Place: Sigma Kappa
Competitive	Second Place: Sigma Alpha Iota First Place: Alpha Kappa Psi & Sigma Society
Variety Show	
Skits	
Best Actor	Nathan Swisher, AGR & Taylor Flora, TKE
Best Actress	Brandin Bovay, Phi Mu Alpha
Highly Competitive	Third Place: Alpha Gamma Rho & Sigma Sigma Sigma Second Place: Phi Sigma Kappa & Alpha Sigma Alpha First Place: Phi Mu Alpha
Olio Acts	Third Place: Steven Casey Second Place: Kimmie Mollenhour First Place: The Che & Corey Smith
People's Choice	
Best Act	Phi Mu Alpha
Olio Act	Brandin Bovay and The Che & Corey Smith
Parade	
Jalopies	
Highly Competitive	Third Place: Phi Mu Second Place: Alpha Kappa Lambda & Sigma Kappa First Place: Phi Sigma Kappa
Competitive	First Place: Sigma Society
Paper Mache Clowns	
Highly Competitive	Third Place: Tau Kappa Epsilon Second Place: Phi Sigma Kappa First Place: Alpha Gamma Rho
Fraternities	
Highly Competitive	Second Place: Alpha Sigma Alpha First Place: Sigma Kappa First Place: Sigma Sigma Sigma
Sororities	
Competitive	Second Place: Sigma Society First Place: Alpha Kappa Psi
Costume Clowns	
Highly Competitive	Third Place: Delta Sigma Phi Second Place: Alpha Kappa Lambda First Place: Phi Mu Alpha
Fraternities	
Highly Competitive	Third Place: Sigma Kappa & Alpha Sigma Alpha Second Place: Phi Mu First Place: Sigma Sigma Sigma
Sororities	
Independent	First Place: Sigma Alpha Iota
Floats	
Highly Competitive	Third Place: Alpha Kappa Lambda & Alpha Delta Pi Second Place: Alpha Gamma Rho & Sigma Kappa First Place: Phi Sigma Kappa & Sigma Sigma Sigma
Competitive	Second Place: Sigma Alpha & Colligate Farm Bureau First Place: CFFA/Alpha Tau Alpha and Block & Bridal
Overall Best Parade	
Competitive	Sigma Society
Highly Competitive	Sigma Kappa
Sorority	
Highly Competitive	Phi Sigma Kappa
Fraternity	
Supremacy	
Competitive	Sigma Society
Highly Competitive	Sigma Sigma Sigma
Sorority	
Highly Competitive	Phi Sigma Kappa
Fraternity	
On behalf of the Homecoming Committee, We would like to thank each and every person and organization for their participation this week. We know you all worked hard, and because of that Homecoming was a huge success.	

Company moves into CIE

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On Nov. 6 the Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship announced the launch of a new agriculture-technology company.

Missouri Moisture Analyzers LLC will now call the CIE its home under the terms of an agreement approved by the University's Board of Regents.

Missouri Moisture Analyzers is a Brazilian-born business that builds and calibrates moisture control analyzers used in agriculture production and grain storage. Its launch at the CIE is not only bringing the technology to Maryville, but to North America as well.

Henrique de Silva, CEO of Missouri Moisture Analyzers, and his wife, Viviana, were welcomed by several University and community members, including Provost Doug Dunham, CIE Director Larry Lee and City Manager Greg McDanel.

The lease, signed on Nov. 1, will give Missouri Moisture Analyzers just over 1,000 square feet of space in the CIE. At the announcement, de Silva and Dunham performed a ceremonial signing of intent of cooperation.

Faith Willoughby, the local representative for Missouri Moisture Analyzers, gave a statement on behalf of de Silva.

"Northwest Missouri State University was a key factor in our choice," Willoughby said. "The technological development partnership between our engineering team and the University research team will make it possible to develop and market even more efficiently the customized products."

5K RAISES FUNDS FOR UNITED WAY



HANNAH JURGENSEN | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior Lauren Moravec celebrates the finish of the 2012 Homecoming Chalk Walk. Participants were powdered with chalk at every mile marker of the 5k.

Accreditation process continues at Northwest

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Chief Reporter | @mccoy014

Northwest is on the path to ensure it can continue providing quality education for the future. While some institutions struggle, Northwest is continuing to improve.

Earlier this year Northwest received reaccreditation from the Higher Learning Commission, one of the six regional institutional accreditors in the U.S. To receive accreditation, an institute must show that it is meeting the five criteria designated by the HLC.

The criteria include mission and integrity, preparing for the future, student learning and effective teaching, acquisition, discovery, and application of knowledge and

engagement and service. Northwest uses the Academic Quality Improvement Program to display how the criteria are being met. The AQIP Systems Portfolio is a collection of information showing how Northwest meets each of the specified criteria.

"What will happen now that we've submitted the document is that it will be reviewed by a team of accreditors," Dunham said. "Our peers, faculty at other institutions that are trained reviewers, will review our document."

The University will not be up for accreditation again until the academic year 2018-2019.

The 2012 AQIP Systems Portfolio can be viewed under the Basic Information tab in Accreditation on the Northwest website.

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Regents pass new position in dietetics

ASHLEY THORPE
Chief Reporter | @TheMissourian

The University's Board of Regents approved the addition of a faculty position to instruct and coordinate the department's new Individualized Supervised Practice Pathway program to assist dietetics students.

The mission of the program is to prepare competent and productive members of the nutrition service professions by providing quality education and hands-on experience.

Northwest would not be able to begin the new ISPP program without a new faculty member.

The ISPP program will provide opportunities for students to become eligible for the registered dietician exam.

The ISPP will act as an internship for students that have successfully completed an approved Didactic Program in Dietetics and did not get matched for a Dietetic internship.

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OliveDeLuce Art Gallery: Janice Jakielski Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	KansasCityAlumniandFriendsHappyHour 5 p.m. at The Other Place
SSS 10-Week Grade Check Administration Building	MP3 Experience at 5 p.m.
Teacher Work Sample Day 9 a.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union	MaryvilleAlumni&FriendsChapterHappyHour 5:30 p.m. at Burny's Sports Bar
Friday Night Caf�: Jamaica 5 p.m. at Administration Building	Women's Basketball vs. Quincy 6 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center
Saturday, November 10	
OliveDeLuce Art Gallery: Janice Jakielski Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	Hy-Vee Bearcat Zone 12:30 p.m. at College Park Pavilion
GRE Subject Exam at 8 a.m.	Dessert Days 1 p.m. at Nodaway County Museum
MS-ACS Comprehensive Exam 9 a.m. at Colden Hall	Bearcat Football vs. Missouri Western 2:30 p.m. at Bearcat Stadium
Cents for Sense 10 a.m. at Maryville Public Library	Bearcat Volleyball vs. Truman State 7 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center
Sunday, November 11	
OliveDeLuce Art Gallery: Janice Jakielski Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	3:30 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center
Veteran's Day	Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m. at Lutheran Campus Center
Trek For Troops 5K Run/Walk at 1 p.m.	Mass 7 p.m. at Newman Catholic Center
Men's Basketball vs. Graceland	

Monday, November 12th

Foreign Language Fair, 12 pm, Student Union Map Area
Funding Study Abroad, 4 pm, Student Union Meeting Room A

Tuesday, November 13th

International Student Panel, 1 pm, Student Union Living Room
Dr. Brian Hesse "From Libya to Afghanistan: How does the story end?", 7 pm, Student Union Ballroom
Diversity Trivia, 9 pm, Applebee's

Wednesday, November 14th

Ask Me About Study Abroad, 11 am, Student Union 1st Floor
Faculty Panel, 12 pm, Student Union Living Room

Thursday, November 15th

Festival of Cultures, 12 pm, Student Union Map Area

Friday, November 16th

Study Abroad Information Table, 10 am, Student Union 1st Floor
Study Abroad Photo Essay Contest, 1 pm, IIC

Congratulations to KZLX and Danielle Mullens For Winning "Best Documentary of the Year"

Presented by the College Broadcasters, Inc.



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN

Will Haupt, owner of Benelli's Pizzeria, explains the benefits of a rewards card to customer Ron Moss on Tuesday.

Benefits targeted toward fans

ASHLEY THORPE
Chief Reporter | @TheMissourian

Win or lose, Bearcat fans score discounts, and local businesses benefit on game day.

During the fall semester at Northwest, weekends are accompanied by Bearcat football. What some do not know is that many Maryville businesses offer special football promotions.

Benelli's Pizzeria, located at 1006 Main St., introduces Benelli's Bearcat Bonanza. This "after the game" promotion offers \$1 off any specialty pizza for every touchdown the Bearcats score. Customers could be looking at \$10 off if 10 touchdowns are scored.

Junior Trevor Johnson said Benelli's Bearcat Bonanza is an "amazing" idea.

"Not only would I be pumped that we (hopefully) won, but getting a cheaper pizza to boot," Johnson said.

If it is too cold to tailgate outside the stadium, Mike Herring, marketing coordinator at Hy-Vee, suggest enjoying the Bearcat Breakfast Buffet at Hy-Vee on Saturday mornings. The buffet is \$6.99 and occasionally Bobby Bearcat and the Northwest cheerleaders offer their company.

"We get good turn outs, and it is always a surprise when Bobby shows up," Herring said.

Every Monday after a Bearcat

football game, McDonald's hosts McDecent Mondays from 4 to 8 p.m. Costumers can buy one sandwich at normal price and receive a second sandwich at a price based on the score of the opposing team that week.

Between game days, Bearcat fans can gear up and cash in on daily discounts given at the Student Body, located at 202 east Third Street. Students and alumni who present their student identification card receive 10 percent off apparel. Specialty apparel is available for state and championship games.

Costumers must ask for the desired promotions upon ordering to receive them.

Despite drought, deer harvest looks promising

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Despite the drought the Missouri Department of Conservation is expecting strong deer harvest numbers this hunting season.

This summer's drought caused water and foliage shortages for wildlife this fall that could affect hunters opportunities to bag the perfect buck.

"We have an extremely poor acorn crop, which makes deer have to move longer distances in search of food and makes them much more vulnerable for harvest because they have to go into open areas like fields. That may increase the chance for hunters to harvest them," said Jason Summers, MDC Resource Scientist.

MDC has seen at least a 1 per-

cent increase in deer hunters each year and expects this year to be the same, said Roger Wolken, MDC Northwest Protection Regional Supervisor. Last year 500,111 deer hunters bought the permits necessary for harvesting a deer in the state of Missouri

"We've seen a strong, steady increase overtime, and I hope to see that trend continue," Summers said.

Saturday is the opening of Firearms deer season in Missouri and MDC is expecting 450,000 to 500,000 hunters will be out in the woods this weekend said Wolken.

"We really want people to be cautious and abide by the law. Identify your target before you pull the trigger and always wear your hunter orange," Wolken said.

City seeks grant funding aimed to facilitate recycling

JOSHUA PHILLIPS
Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

The city of Maryville is working to find resources that will help in facilitating its recycling systems next spring.

The city submitted a grant application to purchase a wood chipper for the Maryville Transfer Station. The additional equipment would divert wood prevent wood and brush products from ending up in landfill, but instead being converted to usable wood chip products for residents.

City manager Greg McDanel said the wood chipper will cost approximately \$19,500.

"We always look at opportunities for grants," McDanel said.

The Northwest Regional Council of Governments' Solid Waste Management District announced available grant funds in August, that

public, private and non-for-profit sectors in Nodaway County could apply for.

The type of grant that Maryville applied for is a "reimbursement grant, where once it has been approved, the city can purchase the item and be reimbursed later," said Linda Laderoute, environmental planner for the NRCG.

One of the components to the state-funded grants is that city and town governments, as well as non-for-profits and businesses, earn points based on met criteria. For the environmental organizations, the state measures how much brush organizations are diverting.

"[Businesses and governments] have to show they're meeting the needs of the community," Laderoute said.

Maryville's city government hopes to have its application approved in spring 2013.

Local farm community recognized at annual banquet

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Local leaders in agriculture were honored Monday at the 52nd annual Farm City Banquet.

Over 300 tickets were sold to the banquet held at 6:30 p.m. in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom on the Northwest campus.

Guests were welcomed by country music performed by the Green River Band with dinner to follow.

The event recognized community members' contribution to agri-

culture and the economy.

"We want to bring both the rural and urban people together," said Harold Spire, agriculture committee member. "A lot of this stuff they do every day, and it is just nice to be noticed for what is going on out in the rural community."

More than one organization gave out awards. The Chamber of Commerce's agriculture committee gave out three awards at the event for Outstanding Farm Family, Outstanding Farm Conservationist, and Outstanding Farm Advocate.

- Outstanding Farm Youth**
Gina Schneider
- Outstanding Farm Woman**
Pat Howard
- Leadership Honor Roll**
Steve and Rhonda Schmidt; Lori Tally
- Century Farms**
Ruth and Tom Kemper; Sharron Tobin
- Agricultural Hall of Fame for Nodaway County**
Dennis Padgett
- Outstanding Farm Advocate**
Ken Wilmes
- Outstanding Conservation Farmer**
Chris and Joe Wilmes
- Outstanding Farm Family**
Randy and Judy Frueh

News Brief: Local manor promotes breast cancer awareness over holidays

Bristol Manor Senior Adult Care is dedicating the holidays to a charitable cause.

The manor named its Christmas theme this year as breast cancer awareness. Staff members will be accepting donations at the manor, which is located at 323 East Summit Drive in Maryville.

Bristol Manor provides long-term care for senior citizens within the community.

The manor welcomes all donations, regardless of size. Staff

members hope, through the fundraiser, the community can join together to help find a cure and spread awareness for the deadly disease.

According to the American Cancer Society, there were approximately 230,480 new invasive female breast cancer cases in 2011. The ACS also reported around 39,520 deaths caused by the disease last year.

Donors will receive a pink ribbon to place on the manor's

Christmas tree. They will have the option of placing their name on the ribbon or the name of a loved one.

Bristol Manor will match a portion of the donations made. Donations will be accepted until the end of December.

Anyone seeking more information can contact manor manager Linda Austin at bristolmanor@unitedsky.net or by calling 660.582.4131.



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CAMPUS TALK

How do you feel about gender-neutral housing?



"I think it's a good thing. The more options the better, and not everyone is the same."

Brittany Parker
Junior
IDM: New Media



"I don't have an issue with it. It's a person's choice whether they want to live with someone of the opposite gender or if they don't want to they can choose not to."

Morgan Hunter
Sophomore
Chemistry



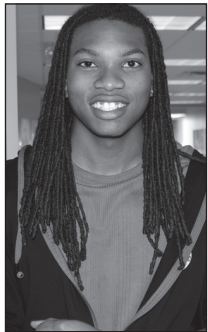
"There's really no difference if I live on a floor with all guys or a co-ed floor. Students are going to find a way to be on whatever floor if they want to anyway."

Nick Kirse
Sophomore
English Education



"I feel like gender-neutral housing is perfectly fine. I feel like it has already been done. It's just being legalized, basically."

Tarwiyah Hazziez
Junior
Elementary Education



"I feel like some people do it already, spend the night at other peoples places. At this young of an age, I don't think it's that good of a thing to have."

Tyrell Wheeler
Senior
Accounting

OUR VIEW:

University embraces inclusive, fair housing option for students

In our upperclassmen housing on campus we have the ability to live with whomever we wish, regardless of gender.

This gender-neutral housing has been a hot topic across the country. After the recent suicide of Rutgers University freshman Tyler Clementi, many campuses have begun embracing the idea of gender-neutral housing to protect lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered youth, according to the National Student Gender-blind Campaign.

Protection is not the first thing that comes to mind when people talk about gender neutral housing. The first thing we think of is living with your boyfriend or girlfriend without the University caring.

However, we, as well as many students on campus, agree that gender-neutral housing is the correct way to go.

The option is open to upperclassmen living in Tower Suites and Forest Village Apartments. Students are allowed to choose whom they room with, regardless of gender. The result is a safer environment for students who feel uncomfortable living with people of the same sex.

This new living option is also a chance for students to live with their significant other. Although it is frowned upon, it is not prohibited.

The option is not available for freshmen, who are assigned roommates of the same sex and live in gender-designated floors in the residence halls.

Gender-neutral housing allows people who know each other to enter into a housing situation that is mutually beneficial.

Students will not be randomly put into a gender-neutral



HANNAH JURGENSEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Juniors Dalton Decker and Jordan Denney sit in their shared room in East Tower

room. It is up to the students to indicate they would like to live in with someone of the opposite sex.

Studies have shown that gender-neutral housing has been beneficial in protecting a diverse group of students within the LGBT community. It allows for fair and inclusive housing for all people.

Whether it is utilized by all or by a few, it is still beneficial for the students that choose this option.

The fact that it is an available option for students speaks about how our University is working for all the students, no matter their background, to provide comfortable and safe living arrangements.

Budget cuts cripple space exploration



THOMAS DRESSLER
Contributing Columnist

On Oct. 14, Felix Baumgartner captivated the minds and imaginations of millions of Americans with his world record-setting space jump from over 20 miles above the surface of the Earth.

Interestingly enough, just two weeks later the first commercial cargo flight into space was pulled off by the California-based company SpaceX. Both of these monumental achievements of science have one thing in common: the technology used in these missions was developed by NASA. However, as of late, this once-great administration has lost its luster, primarily due to the severe budget cuts it has endured.

President Obama's proposed fiscal budget for 2013 calls for \$309 million in cuts to the former leader in the space race of the

'60s and '70s. That is a 20 percent slash of funds to NASA that would have gone to future Mars exploration and other missions.

That is somber news for anyone who grew up in the "Space Age" just a few decades ago. This country used to lead the way in discovering the infinite frontier of space, eager to learn more about what else is out there.

After the historic moon landing in 1969, America wondered how long would it be before we reached Mars and beyond. Unfortunately, 40 years later, we haven't moved far from just dreaming.

No one has even been to the moon, much less Mars, since the last Apollo mission returned home in 1972. Sure, we've sent a few probes and put up some telescopes since then, but the drive to reach other worlds and the focus on space has long been dead.

Why is this happening? What happened to the "America of Tomorrow" and our dreams of moon bases? Well, in short, American politics got in the way.

The current allowance for

NASA is .5 percent of the national budget, compared to the 4 percent it received in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Many argue that NASA is an unnecessary expenditure, and we can't afford to keep it going at its current level, no matter how little percent of the budget it accounts for.

Let's take a look at military spending in the United States and see if we can perhaps give NASA some of its money. Many politicians have proposed military spending to be around 4 percent of the GDP, not including war costs. Keep in mind it is estimated that the U.S. spent \$12 million a day in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

It is ridiculous to say we can't give even a small sliver of that wasteful spending to NASA. Yes, every mission may not be completely practical, but neither is buying another \$600 million aircraft carrier.

I think it's reasonable to ask our government to get rid of maybe one aircraft carrier or so to make room for NASA. If they do, the American people can start dreaming of the future again.

Flawed voting system hinders democracy



CODY UHING
Opinion Editor

We pride ourselves on being America, land of the free and home of the brave - not just any other country in the world. This has put us in a rut when it comes to reforming how we elect officials and how our government runs.

We face recounts, delayed polling results and lawsuits about who won. Our system for electing officials is flawed in a way that hurts our democracy and hinders the government's ability to help the people. In Germany they would not have lawsuits about early voting and the Florida recount debacle that occurred in 2000 would never happen in Mexico.

Most countries in the world run their elections by an impartial voting agency. While no election system is perfect, most are better than the United States in one critical way. Partisan politicians do set the time and place of voting. Politicians in other countries do not move polling locations to help their candidate.

Another issue in the U.S. is leaving our voting laws up to the states. That means all laws pertaining to operational polling hours, voter

identification and the location of polling places is up to partisan state governments. Many state governments do not invest in high-tech voting equipment while others do. This causes a difference in accuracy across the nation, making some states more susceptible to recounts and lawsuits.

Other state governments relocate polling locations to places that are beneficial to their party. Many polling locations are shifted away from large African American populations by Republican governments into mainly white, affluent populations. Democratic governments shift their locations or keep them the same to ensure that minorities get the right to vote.

Very few countries face the fear of voter fraud like we do. It is because no other country has the same unreliable identification system. We rely heavily on driver's licenses for identification, but the lack of a nationwide identification system leaves governments in states like Texas to allow gun permits and not student I.D.s.

We are stuck in our rut because we are too stubborn and divided to instigate change. It all comes down to partisan politics. Once our election system is out of the hands of elected partisan officials, we can experience elections that are much easier, efficient and accurate.

Darkside, Droids, Darth join forces with Disney



ERIN FUNK
Designer

The Walt Disney Company recently signed a \$4.05 billion check for Darth Vader, Han Solo, Luke Skywalker and Yoda. The event may have happened a few weeks ago but the reaction from fans is still strong, and the complaining needs to stop. George Lucas, the creator of Star Wars is retiring and handing over his company and shares of Lucasfilm. Fans and supporters on both sides have a lot to say on the subject but neither is looking at the immense potential of monumental purchase.

This is not the end of Star Wars as we know it. Instead of doubt and fear, excitement and anticipation should be filling the minds and hearts of true fans because the last \$4 billion buy by Disney was a company everyone knows unless they live under a rock.

Disney bought Marvel Entertainment in 2009 and has been behind "The Avengers" and the upcoming money makers "Iron Man 3," "Thor: The Dark World" and "Captain America: The Winter Soldier."

Disney plans to start working

on its purchase right away with a release date for Episode VII in 2015. They also have a "long-term plan to release a new Star Wars feature film every two to three years."

Meaning that instead of waiting around for Lucas to create another film, Disney had a schedule for production before the deal was final. Exactly what fans should want. Being a fan of Star Wars means you should want the series to continue for as long as possible, even if that means a changing of hands.

Lucas himself even said, "I've always believed that Star Wars could live beyond me, and I thought it was important to set up the transition during my lifetime."

A fan should want this to happen now so that Lucas, gets to see the creation handed off to a company that knows what its doing.

Disney is not all princesses and parks. It is a serious business.

There is a reason for the saying "Disney magic." It not only describes the story lines and dreams instilled in people of all ages, it describes what the company does. Disney is the definition of entertainment and anyone worried about how a man and a mouse's legacy will ruin another legacy needs to revisit the highest-grossing movies of all time. Number 11 is, "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace," while Disney takes spots three, eight, nine and 10.

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HOMECOMING PARADE



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN
Maryville Dance Academy preforms at the Northwest Homecoming Parade.

GREEK

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need a lot of repair work,” Baker said. “So the idea of Greek unity and coming together to work together would be really helpful and could help solidify the culture and community of Greek students on campus.”

The idea for the Greek village was brought up by Delta Chi alumni who recently renovated their house. The alumni are looking at possibly building a new house or becoming a part of a Greek village housing system in the future.

“There was discussion with the dorm shortage and enrollment that it might be time to talk to the sorori-

ties about leaving Roberta and staying in nice, little houses in a Greek village,” said Craig Kelly, Delti Chi alumni. “And we thought maybe some of the other fraternities like us, who have old houses or houses that are not as close to campus, should be approached as well.”

If the Northwest Foundation receives enough donor support, the next step of the process would be to begin raising funds to purchase land and build the houses.

Northwest probably will not make any decisions about the Greek village for the next four to six months, and if enough donations are given to build, groundbreaking on the new facility would probably not happen until 2015 or 2016, said Baker.

HOUSING

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family members of different genders and transgender students. Of the 35 students who took advantage of this new policy, some are in a relationship like Decker and Denney, but none are transgender students.

A transgender person is someone who does not identify with the gender they were born as. Students who requested different living arrangements were usually in the process of physically changing to the opposite gender. These students in the past have requested alternative housing due to being uncomfortable living with a certain gender. These students either graduated or moved off campus, said Viau.

Decker and Denney can account for the difficulties of living with the opposite gender. Neither of them grew up with siblings of a different gender, so both have had new experiences this semester.

“Thankfully, he doesn’t do anything nasty,” Denney said. “It’s just clothes and leaving drawers out. He’s the worst about it. My biggest pet peeve is when people don’t close drawers.”

Decker found humor in her annoyance.

“I leave drawers open on purpose before I go to class,” he said with a laugh.

Decker has his own complaints. He hates finding hair

“If they’re friends or dating and want to live together, I don’t see anything wrong with it.”

Leah Burkhiser

on everything. He cannot walk around without shoes on because of the hair, Decker said.

They both agreed that the worst part of living together is not having anywhere to go while fighting.

“If we fight, we just go to different parts of the room, or we go hang out at friends’ houses or rooms for a while,” Decker said.

Due to the limited space in the room, the couple has had to find ways to separate and tune each other out for a while.

Despite these differences, neither regrets the decision to live together. They consider it a kind of test for the future.

“Our parents were kind of shocked at first, but then they realized if we can make it through this year of a tiny little room . . . I’m pretty sure we’ll be okay,” Denney said.

If anyone besides Decker and Denney’s parents felt shock over the new policy, the University has not heard about it.

TOYS

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Despite the hardships, community members continue to recognize the importance of providing impoverished families with a way to provide their children with a pleasant Christmas.

“...I think it gets them thinking about how they can help.”

Anne Martin

Martin said many businesses in Maryville bring in donations collected from creative fundraisers. One of the banks in town urges employees to bring in a toy in exchange for a free day to dress down. Some newspapers give out discounted subscriptions for those who donate.

Toys for Tots encourages student organizations and local businesses to help fundraise.

Martin said she recently received a call from a student wanting to do a floor drive for her residence hall.

The organization received a note at the United Methodist Church bin location explaining that a little boy donated all of his gifts from his birthday party to Toys for Tots.

“When people see things like that or hear things like that, I think it gets them thinking about how they can help,” Martin said.

Toys for Tots will supply each child with approximately \$35 worth of toys and one book.

Individuals and organizations can drop off donations to any of 17 bin locations in Maryville, including Walmart and Walgreens. Contributors can send monetary donations to Toys for Tots, PO Box 104, Maryville, Mo., 64468.

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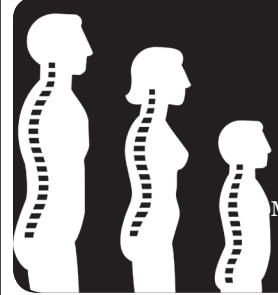
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Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

Oct. 26
Jeremy J. Douglas, 40, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain right half of roadway at the 3000 block of East First Street.

Oct. 27
Derek J. Ragan, 17, Maryville, Mo., and Jamison A. Lowe, 17, Maryville Mo., were both charged with drag racing at

the 2500 block of East First Street.

Oct. 28
Joseph D. Bishop, II, 21, Kansas City, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain right half of roadway at the 800 block of East Third Street.

Oct. 30
There is an ongoing investigation at the

500 block of South Main regarding a lost/stolen license plate.

Nov. 1
Daisy A Roberts, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession and failure to comply at the 600 block of West Seventh Street.

Nov. 3
Taylor C. Hurst, 24, Tarkio, Mo., was

charged with failure to comply at the 400 block of North Buchanan.

Amber L. Graham, 25, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain right half of roadway at the 100 block of West Fourth Street.

Corey L. Danker, 20, Council Bluffs, Iowa, was charged with minor in

possession and possession of a false I.D. at the 300 block of North Market.

Mariel C. Danner, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 00 block of North Buchanan.

Blotter from the Nodaway County Sheriff’s Department

Oct. 23
Steven D. Thocker, 26, Springfield, Mo., was arrested on two warrants: probation violation and receiving stolen property.

Daniel R. Bix, 24, Ravenwood, Mo. was arrested on a warrant for failure to obey judge’s orders.

Oct. 24
Tildon Trotter, 24, Maryville, Mo., was arrested for willfully refusing to obey a deputy sheriff.

Antoine L. Chillers, 25, Maryville, Mo., was arrested for willfully refusing to obey a deputy sheriff.

Sean P. Vos, 36, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on two warrants, both were failure to appear in court.

Oct. 25
Tildon Trotter, 24, Maryville, Mo., was arrested and later served a warrant for distribution of a controlled substance near a school.

Antoine L. Chillers, 25, Maryville, Mo., was arrested and later served a warrant for distribution of a controlled substance near a school.

Oct. 26
Jonathan A. M. Selvage, 23, Maryville, Mo. was arrested for careless and imprudent driving, failing to maintain financial responsibility and driving while intoxicated.

Oct. 28

Chris Ferrare, 35, Rome, N.Y., was arrested on a warrant for non-support.

Oct. 29
There was a report of alleged forgery in Pickering, Mo.

Oct. 30
There was a report of burglary in a vacant home in Maryville, Mo.

Oct. 31
There was a report of stolen property in Parnell, Mo.

Vincent A. Smith, 21, Springfield, Mo., was arrested on a warrant for driving while intoxicated.

There was a report of stolen property in Barnard, Mo.

Nov. 1
Matthew A. Stahl, 31, Braddyville, Iowa, was arrested on a warrant for theft/stealing.

Samantha L. Garcia, 18, Barnard, Mo., was arrested for third degree domestic assault.



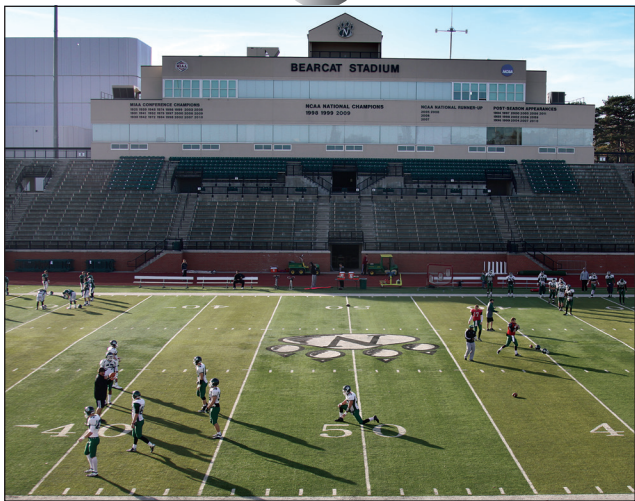
Northwest Bucket List

Every student is given four (give or take...) years to live it up on campus. How will you make the most of your time? Here are a few bucket list-worthy suggestions from The Missourian to you:



FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior Pat Lakey jumps into Colden Pond last spring for the Colden Pond Plunge.

- ☒
- Take a dip in Colden Pond:**
Strip down and see how many goalposts there are at the bottom of the pond. It's like being baptized, the Bearcat way.



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN
Bearcat Stadium during Football practice on Wednesday.

- ☐
- The 50-yard line:**
Leave your mark on Bearcat Stadium. Grab a boy or girl of your fancy and "Make it Nasty" at the center of the field. Students talk about it, but it takes a true Bearcat to go through with it.

- ☐
- Start a game of prank wars:**
Get together with some friends and see who can outdo one another with the best pranks. For starters, steal your roommate's car while he is asleep and park it underneath The Bell Tower. This is a great way to kick off a classic prank war.



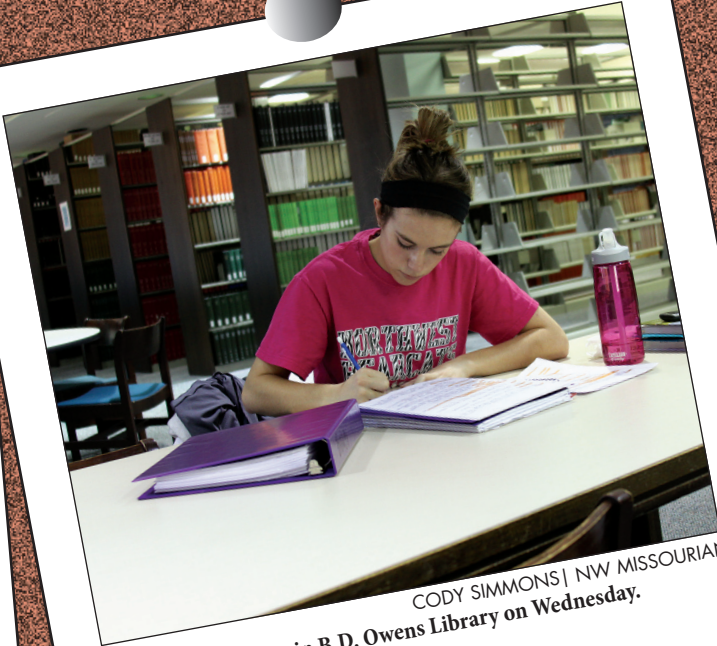
KAYLA MEPPELINK | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior running back Jordan Simmons runs the ball at Saturday's homecoming game against Emporia.

- ☒
- Go streaking at a football game:**
Test how in shape our University police really are by running across the field during a game with nothing but your birthday suit on.



FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN
Tunnels under the sidewalks are normally used to heat sidewalks and keep them clear of ice during winter weather.

- ☒
- Find the tunnels:**
Many know about the tunnels that run underneath the campus, but few have investigated. Get dirty and see if there is any good treasure buried under campus.



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN
Blair Million studies in B.D. Owens Library on Wednesday.

- ☐
- Spend the night in the library:**
Duck out at closing and run the library for a night. Be as loud as you want on the third floor.

- ☐
- Throw a party on the roof of a high rise:**
Go down as the legend who threw Northwest's only penthouse party.

Warfare film tugs at emotions

MATTHEW LEIMKUHELER
Features Editor | @callinghomematt

Adrenaline pumped furiously during the fast-paced and action induced re-make film, “Red Dawn.”

What you need to know: “Red Dawn,” starring Chris Hemsworth and Josh Peck, is a quick-moving guerrilla warfare film centered around the concept of a North Korean invasion of America. On-screen brothers Peck and Hemsworth form a makeshift rebel combat unit to battle Korean forces. The group tactically challenges the opposition through various strategic attacks of surprise and brutal explosions while masquerading under the title “Wolverines.”

Why you should go see this

film: It is fast, serious, and keeps emotions at a pivotal high point. This film keeps the viewer rooting for the good guys; it delivers a sense of pride. It shows perseverance through struggle, keeping the viewer at the edge of their seat while the characters battle through loss and grief. There is death; it is not a film that sugar coats war, as seen too often in American culture.

The film is far from perfect in many aspects. The plot does not develop to its full potential. It is as though the filmmakers were attempting to force a two-hour film into roughly an hour and twenty minutes. There were many minute knots left untied as the ending credits rolled. Although full of satisfying action sequences, the

finale of the film felt anticlimactic; the film was built toward an ending of grand proportions and never delivered.

“Red Dawn” is a film that should be viewed at face value. It is not a life-changing film. Simply put, it is an entertaining action film worth 90 minutes of viewing commitment.



FILM: “Red Dawn”
DIRECTOR: Dan Bradley
STARRING: Josh Peck, Chris Hemsworth
SUTDIO: Contrafilm

THE STROLLER: Your Man avoids obstacles in Union

All I want is a moment of peace. Remember those days in the J.W. Jones Student Union when you could walk to lunch in the quiet tranquility of your own thoughts? Yeah, me neither. Harrison Ford himself would struggle sifting through the maze students create between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Look at it this way: the union is an obstacle course of bullshit. First are the Bible pushers outside the front doors shoving their beliefs down your throat. The best strategy to avoid these hypocritical annoyances is to refer them to R.E.M. because every 18-22 year-old at least questions their religion, right?

Next challenge is the awkward door-holding for the stranger you don't give a damn about. You wait two minutes to politely hold the door open because it's what momma taught you, and all you get in return in a half-assed “thank you” with no eye contact whatsoever.

“You didn’t lose any money, sign up for any events, or turn into a WOW nerd.”

Stroller

Really though, when you hold the door open for someone, they would rather look at dead and decapitated kittens than make eye contact with you.

Next are the fantasy gamer students who have infiltrated the union living room. These students never eat or sleep. They live off of Magic the Gathering and World of Warcraft. All of the “normal” students shuffle past, making sure not even to breathe in their direction. These students seem to be multiplying over night and I predict they will

have taken the entire second floor by end of the trimester.

As you filter through this floor, avoiding the radio station blaring the same five mediocre songs over and over, you mentally prepare for the final battle: student organization tables. Everyone wants something out of you, right? There are the organizations that will shout at you until you are forced to take a flyer, which ultimately ends up in the trash or worse places (hey, toilet paper can be expensive). Then there are the organizations that pitifully pout at you, too shy to grab your attention. Just give up and go home.

Finally, the food court is reached. You didn't lose any money, sign up for any events, or turn into a WOW nerd. Call it a win and grab some Quiznos.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Billboard Hot 100 Songs

1. Maroon 5-“One More Night”
2. Psy-“Gangnam Style”
3. fun.-“Some Nights”
4. Ke\$ha-“Die Young”
5. Rihanna-“Diamonds”

Billboard Top 200

1. Taylor Swift-“Red”
2. Kendrick Lamar-“good kid, m.A.A.d city”
3. Jason Aldean-“Night Train”
4. Mumford & Sons-“Babel”
5. Tony Bennett-“Viva Duets”

In Theaters This Week: “007: Skyfall”
(Action)
Director: Sam Mendes
Starring: Daniel Craig Judi Dench

“Lincoln”
(Drama)
Director: Steven Spielberg
Starring: Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field

“Christmas in Compton”
(Comedy)
Director: David Raynr
Starring: Keith David, Omar Gooding

“The Comedy”
(Drama)
Director: Rick Alverson
Starring: Tim Hiedecker, Eric Wareheim

WHAT’S HOT

Halo 4
While most of America spent their Tuesday at the polls, many lined up to pick up the latest edition of one of the most popular gaming series ever.

President Obama
Democrats throughout the country celebrated as Barack Obama was elected for four more years.

The Walking Dead
A son killing his mother and babies during the zombie apocalypse: this season is gearing up to be the best in the series.

WHAT’S NOT

Missouri Tiger Football
It’s been a long season for the Tigers as they lose another heartbreaker in the SEC.

Pete Townshend
The Who frontman left stage during the band’s encore without finishing the set in Florida last week. It was the kickoff show for the band’s first tour in 4 years.

Missouri Western State University
Northwest football is gearing up to host the Griffons this weekend in what is one of the most pivotal games of the 2012 season.

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Wednesday, November 14th
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Thursday, November 15th
11 am - 2 pm “Fears vs Dreams” with TWLOHA | [LOWER LEVEL](#)

Friday, November 16th
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8 pm - Midnight Slumber Party | [STATION](#)

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entirely.

"I can't remember the last time Northwest has not made it to the playoffs," Shaw said. "I don't wanna leave my senior year being that class that didn't make the playoffs in such and such years.

"It's like one game and you're out. It's pretty much like telling yourself in the regular season that you're already in the playoffs. One game decides everything, so you take it like a game-to-game week. Regardless of who you're playing, it's just that one-game mentality - win or go home."

The Bearcats enter the season finale with one of the top defenses in the nation, allowing just 12.1 points per game, while leading the country with 24 interceptions.

Western senior running back Michael Hill has been tough to stop all season and is in the fast lane for MIAA Player of the Year. Hill has amassed 1,688 yards and 14 rushing touchdowns thus far.

The Griffons' junior quarterback, Travis Partridge, has played well this year, passing for 1,816 yards and scoring 33 total touchdowns.

However, Dorrel said the game plan is to try to force third-and-long situations to take the ball out of Hill's hands and force Partridge to throw.

"What they do with (Hill) and with how they run their formations offensively, I mean, he's gonna get his touches," Dorrel

said. "There's really nothing you can do to eliminate him getting the ball in his hands. The big thing with him is you just gotta minimize his runs. You're not gonna stop a kid like him completely. It's just to try to minimize it and do damage control."

The game, which is the MIAA TV Game of the Week, kicks off at 2:30 p.m. Reserved tickets were sold out Monday afternoon.

Senior left tackle Rod Williams said that being a senior just adds to the excitement for this game.

"It was one of the games that I circled in my head because it's my senior year," Williams said. "I knew I was going to have an opportunity to have a senior night versus one of our biggest rivals. Just for the fact that they've come out this season and done the things that they did, and we've been able to turn around our season and get better since our loss to (Central Missouri) just to set it up. I couldn't have written a better story."

Although bragging rights are less important to the two teams than a championship, the intense rivalry can not be ignored. Shaw said just the words "Mo. West" bring certain ideas to mind.

"I just shake my head," Shaw said. "It's just Mo. West, man. Everything they do is just ... annoying. But you gotta respect them. They're a good football team. We're a pretty good football team. It just seems like a clash of the Titans every time we play."

BEARCATS STING HORNETS FOR HOMECOMING



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior running back Kohlman Adema-Schulte carries down the sideline during Northwest's 55-10 win over Emporia State.

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weapons on offense, it has to keep opposing defensive coordinators up at night.

Northwest features two of the best running backs in the country with junior James Franklin and senior Jordan Simmons who are just as lethal catching the ball as they are running it w

The wide receiving core has been able to use its fix of speed and ability to make plays after the catch to propel Northwest's offense to 45.5

points per game with their 2,488 receiving yards.

This game will come down to what it came down to in last year's regular season match: special teams.

Last year Griffon kicker Greg "Legatron" Zuerlein connected on three field goals, including a ridiculous 58-yarder, but lucky for us he was shipped off to play for the St. Louis Rams.

This season the advantage has shifted to Northwest as Todd Adolf and Kyle Goodburn rose to the top of the MIAA as two of the best special teams in the conference.

Not only can the 'Cats kick it, they can return it. Simmons and senior wide receiver Tyler Shaw have the capability to take it to the house anytime they touch the ball, and if they can't bring it all the way back, they put that offense into very good field possession, which will be the key to the game.

Northwest has one question left to answer in the regular season, and we will have to wait until Saturday to see it answered.

Personally, I have a former high school teammate and friend that starts at the middle linebacker, and as much as I like to see my friends succeed, these colors don't run. Bearcats win 35-21.

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MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST.....	9-1	8-1
Mo. Western.....	9-1	8-1
Emporia State.....	8-2	8-2
Washburn.....	7-3	7-3
Lindenwood.....	7-3	6-3
Pitt. State.....	6-3	6-3
Central Mo.....	6-4	6-4
Mo. Southern.....	6-4	5-4
Fort Hays.....	4-6	3-6
Truman.....	4-6	3-6
Northeastern State.....	3-6	3-6
Nebraska-Kearney.....	3-7	2-7
Central Oklahoma.....	2-7	2-7
Southwest Baptist.....	2-8	2-8
Lincoln (Mo.).....	1-9	1-9

November 10:
Mo. Western at NORTHWEST
Emporia St. at Washburn
Pitt. State at Mo. Southern
Lindenwood at Truman
Fort Hays at Kearney

SUPER REGION 3

PLAYOFF RANKINGS

	Overall	D2
No. 1 Minnesota State.....	10-0	10-0
No. 2 Henderson State.....	9-0	9-0
No. 3 NORTHWEST.....	9-1	9-1
No. 4 Harding.....	8-1	8-1
No. 5 Mo. Western.....	9-1	9-1
No. 6 Minnesota Duluth.....	9-1	9-1
No. 7 Winona State.....	8-2	8-2
No. 8 Emporia State.....	8-2	8-2
No. 9 Sioux Falls.....	8-2	8-2
No. 10 Southern Arkansas.....	7-2	6-2

NW VOLLEYBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Central Mo.....	23-4	15-1
Washburn.....	28-1	14-1
Nebraska-Kearney.....	28-2	14-1
Truman.....	25-5	13-3
NORTHWEST.....	14-14	8-8
Emporia State.....	17-10	7-7
Fort Hays.....	23-11	7-8
Central Oklahoma.....	12-16	7-9
Mo. Western.....	14-15	5-11
Pitt. State.....	14-13	4-10
Lindenwood.....	14-15	4-11
Southwest Baptist.....	9-21	2-14
Mo. Southern.....	0-28	0-16

November 9:
Central Mo. at Kearney
Lindenwood at Washburn
Mo. Western at Pitt. State
Truman at Emporia St.

November 10:
Truman at NORTHWEST

MHS FOOTBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
MARYVILLE.....	10-0	7-0
Savannah.....	9-3	6-1
Lafayette.....	10-3	5-2
Smithville.....	8-5	4-3
LeBlond.....	7-5	3-4
Chillicothe.....	4-8	2-5
Cameron.....	2-9	1-6
Benton.....	1-9	0-7

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Football advances to semifinals

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The Maryville football team just keeps chugging along, churning out 13 straight victories en route to a district championship.

The Spoofhounds defeated St. Pius X for the second time this season in the championship game, this time by a final score of 48-7.

Head coach Matt Webb said that game, along with each win his team has amassed, just adds momentum to the already rolling Spoofhound team.

“Any game you win in the playoffs, you gain experience and you gain postseason experience,” Webb said. “The kids on this team have done a great job all year of taking it one game at a time and directing it toward their next opportunity.”

Senior running back Derek Stiens tacked 105 yards and a touchdown to his season totals, putting him over the 1,000-yard mark for the year.

The 'Hounds are set to face Center High School at 1 p.m. Saturday at Center for the state

quarterfinals.

The Yellowjackets enter Saturday with a 7-2 regular season record, with the lone game against a familiar team coming in a 7-6 loss to Smithville.

Center utilizes a strong rushing attack offensively, with senior running back Anthony Eskridge leading the pack with 138 carries for 793 yards and 11 rushing touchdowns.

“I’m very confident because we’ve made that our game plan each week, to make a team one dimensional and make them throw,” Webb said. “The difference is, what Center does is they do a great job of schematically creating mismatches to their guys’ strengths ... One of the benefits in playing in the MEC is that we’ve been exposed to a wide variety of offenses, and we’ve been able to have success against those this year.”

Although Eskridge leads the way for the Yellowjacket offense on the ground, Webb said there is not one player he worries about more than another.

Center senior quarterback Ronnie Hill has just 21 completions

on the season, but eight of them have gone for touchdowns.

“He throws a good ball when his guys are open,” Webb said. “And they’ve got some good receivers. Their skill set is great, maybe the best skill set we’ve played all season.”

Webb said he has confidence his defense can contain the Yellowjacket receivers when Center does decide to throw.

The Spoofhounds pulled down three interceptions Monday against St. Pius X.

“With our pass defense, it’s not just on the back end with the (defensive backs); you work on getting pressure on the quarterback and get a bad throw or make him throw on his back foot by disguising the coverage,” Webb said. “It goes hand-in-hand. We just gotta catch the ball when it’s in the air. Our guys really pride themselves on winning the turnover battle each week and getting the ball back for our offense and creating opportunities for our offense.”

If Maryville wins, it will have a week to rest and prepare for the semifinals, scheduled for Nov. 17.



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Senior running back Derek Stiens tries to shed a tackle during Maryville’s 48-7 win over St. Pius X in the district championship.

Volleyball looks to next season with 6 returners

CRAIG SIMS

Chief Sports Reporter | @NWMSports

For the second year in a row, the Maryville volleyball team was one win away from its goal of winning a district championship.

Just like last year, when the team lost in the district championship to Cameron, this season had the same result.

The 'Hounds dropped two sets to Savannah, losing both in 25-21 fashion, to end their season.

Head coach Lori Klaus said that her team has to be more mentally prepared in big games next season.

“They know how to win, and there’s no doubt in my mind they could’ve beaten Savannah,” Klaus said. “We go out expecting to win every game, and all season I think the team did a good job getting prepared mentally.”

“I think in districts it’s just a lot more pressure, and I don’t know if they weren’t ready for that,” Klaus said. “We didn’t really execute our game plan. They played hard, but

we have to be able to put it all together at the end of the season.”

Finishing with a record of 23-6-3, Klaus said that she has high hopes for next season, which will see six returners: middle blockers Anny Van de Ven and Gabby Church, defensive specialists Lindsey Suchan and Kristen Shipps, outside hitter Aubrey Kimble and right hitter Chelsea Byland.

With this season in the books, Klaus hopes to carry over some of her team’s defensive traits to next year.

“The girls moved well on defense and transitioned quickly all year,” Klaus said. “I think, defensively, we will be strong, and we are obviously gonna miss Jessa (Stiens) on the back row, but I still think we have a lot of good defensive players. Hopefully, we can do more up front for next year.”

Libero Jessa Stiens, along with setter Alyssa Stiens and outside hitter Sara Knowles, are the three varsity players the Spoofhounds will lose to graduation.

Junior lineman weighs options

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As the Maryville football team treks through the playoffs, one of its players is getting some looks from Division-I college teams.

The 6-foot-3 inch, 285-pound junior lineman, Jackson Morrison, says that he has visited the University of Missouri-Columbia, Iowa State and the University of Kansas this season, watching football games and getting a feel for each of the schools.

“I’m in really good standing with a couple coaches and just waiting to hear from some of them,” Morrison said. “I think that once they finish up with the 2013 recruiting class and once their season’s over, I can start really getting into the process. It’s going really good so far; I think I have a jump on the game.”

Morrison said he has received letters from the University of Oregon, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Michigan and Louisiana State University.

Morrison said he only has one focus right now, which is to help his undefeated team continue winning.

“I think that once they finish up with the 2013 recruiting class and once their season’s over, I can start really getting into the process.”

Jackson Morrison

“I definitely want to focus on this season and just keep going straight ahead, cause that’s the main goal for this team,” Morrison said. “But it’s fun having attention like that; it’s always gonna be fun.”

The junior offensive lineman has helped lead the way for one of the top offenses in Missouri this season.

He helped pave the way for senior running back Derek Stiens, who cracked the 1000-yard mark during the Spoofhounds’ last game.

Morrison has been a key leader for a team that sits at 13-0, await-

ing the state quarterfinal game.

Morrison said offensive line-coach Jordan Moree has helped him get a step ahead and be in the position he is in.

“Coach Moree really likes us to be physical,” Morrison said. “He likes the offensive line to control the game, and that’s stuff college coaches really like. They like the mean, nasty guys who get after it. So it’s good that he pushes that on us.”

Head coach Matt Webb said that it is not just Morrison’s size and strength that has college coaches talking.

“He is a smart player,” Webb said. “When you look at the recruiting side of things, he is able to be on a lot of people’s watch lists. He deserves it. The young man works his butt off, works hard and deserves every credit he earns.”

“He is a very unselfish player. Jackson is a member of an offensive line that has been together a long time, and he will give credit to the person right next to him. That’s one reason why he’s been able to succeed, is because of everyone working together as an offense.”

ATHLETES of the WEEK



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Jordan Simmons



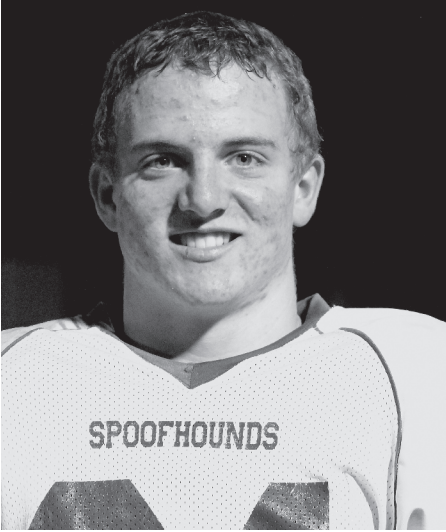
Senior running back Jordan Simmons extended his MIAA career record with his sixth kick return for a touchdown during his Don Black Award-winning performance at Homecoming.

Maggie Marnin



Sophomore center Maggie Marnin walked away with a double-double from Saturday’s exhibition game against Peru State with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Brody McMahon



Sophomore running back Brody McMahon cracked the 2,000-yard mark for all-purpose yardage in the district championship Monday. McMahon also rushed for two touchdowns.

Derek Stiens



Senior running back Derek Stiens finished the district championship game with 105 rushing yards and a touchdown. The Spoofhounds defeated St. Pius X 48-7.

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Wrestling club eyes 2012 season opener

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Following a second-place finish at Nationals a season ago, first-year head coach Daniel Jennings said he has high hopes for this year's North-west wrestling club.

With multiple newcomers to this year's squad, Jennings said there are some key factors to starting the season in the right direction.

"Having the basics down is a tremendous help in the long run, and definitely conditioning is a top priority," Jennings said. "In wrestling, it doesn't matter how good you are. If you can't last past the second round, you're not gonna win the match if the other guy is in better shape.

"We are working on stuff like perfecting our stances, basic shots and how to get points to win the match, working on escapes and reversals, things like that."

This team features several returners, such as senior All-American Blake Schoenenger, junior Travis Peter and senior Danny Apgar.

Other wrestlers include freshmen Cody Auffert and Dray Carl, sophomores Frank Tamburello and Alex Freund, and juniors Jim Swanson, Brett Gillum, Mark Bryant, Justin Head, Daniel Bates, and Patrick Masterson.

The first matchup sees the 'Cats facing the University of Central



TYLER SHAW | NW MISSOURIAN
Freshman Cody Auffert takes down junior Travis Peter during Monday's practice in preparation for Central Missouri Sunday.

Missouri at 9 a.m. Sunday in Warrensburg.

Along with being a national champion, Peter said there are other goals the club is striving for.

"Being a national champion is the end-all goal of the season," Peter said. "Being my third year, and one match away from being an All-American last season, I think a lot of guys on this team and myself are looking to become All-Americans.

"We are going against Division-I opponents, so these are guys that have really been training all year.

You go in there knowing that there will be some guys stronger technique wise, but you have to have confidence to know that you have the capability of going out there and showing them up and beating them."

The club has seen a lot of changes since it began with a five-man roster in 2005.

"It's done well so far," Peter said. "I'm just hoping to help keep the program going and make sure kids that come up to Northwest that wanna wrestle know about it and just have fun with it."

Women's basketball to tip off season Friday

JOEY TUCKER
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A balanced attack led Northwest women's basketball to a 91-72 victory over NAIA opponent Peru State in its final exhibition game of the season.

Five Bearcats scored in double digits in the decisive win over the Bobcats. Junior guard Meridee Scott led the way with 16 points.

It is early, but head coach Mark Kellogg does not see a consistent scorer for Northwest.

"I don't see any particular player scoring 18 or 20 points a game," Kellogg said. "That may change as each player begins to develop. But what I've seen through our exhibition games and practices, it's probably going to be somebody different every night."

Rebounding is a concern for the 'Cats. They were out-rebounded by Peru State, allowing the Bobcats to pull down 17 offensive boards. This is alarming due to small size of Peru State, Kellogg said.

"Rebounding is a huge concern, the biggest of all for us," Kellogg said. "Peru State took some bad shots and went and chased them down. Either way, when you force those shots, you have to limit

"Rebounding is a huge concern, the biggest of all for us."

Mark Kellogg

them to one shot and one possession and get out."

Northwest's next opponent is Quincy University, which Kellogg describes as a good rebounding team. Aside from rebounding, the Bearcats will focus on the defensive side of the ball.

"We're going to mix and match defensively, keeping our opponent off-balance through different looks," Kellogg said. "Our transition defense wasn't great against Peru State. We can't be giving up 72 points and expect to win. We have to hold our opponents to scoring in the 50's or low 60's to be successful."

Northwest will begin a series of games at Bearcat Arena, beginning with Quincy University. The 'Cats will take on the Hawks at 6 p.m. Friday before hosting Tabor College at 6 p.m. Nov. 13.

Lorek, cross country send 1 runner to national championships

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Missourian Reporter | @NWMSports

The Bearcat cross country team advanced one runner to the NCAA Championships after the regional race last weekend.

Despite an ankle injury, senior Brittany Poole was the lone Bearcat to advance to nationals.

"Things were so bad Friday night," head coach Scott Lorek said. "She was still limping on it, so we had to try different tape jobs until we found one that worked. She ran her best race ever, so obviously, that injury didn't slow her down at all."

Poole ran the second-best time

at 6,000 meters in Bearcat history. Her time of 21:24.1 was 24 seconds behind the school record.

Lorek is taking precautions to make sure Poole's injury gets as much time to heal as possible.

Lorek said Poole will be in a boot and will not run for a few days.

Senior Ryan Darling paced the Bearcat men once again. He set the Northwest school record at 10,000 meters with a time of 30:53.99. What made this even more special for Darling was the person who held the record before him was his dad, Vernon Darling.

"It was nice to see," Lorek said. "I couldn't be happier with the way

Ryan ran."

The Bearcat men failed to qualify any runners to the NCAA Championships despite having four runners climb into the top-10 list in school history. Besides Darling, senior Jared Walker, sophomore Drew Keefer and junior Jake Henry all climbed into the top 10 in eighth, ninth and 10th respectively.

"As far as the men go, I think we're a good team, but there was just six teams better than us," Lorek said. "There were four qualifying teams, and we were seventh. We were in the hunt, but we just aren't there yet."

The NCAA Championships will be at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 17 in Joplin.

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IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THIS

Bearcats, Griffons square off for MIAA title, playoff seed

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Somehow, some way, this is just how sports work out.

Teams play the first 10 games, win nine of them and beat tough competition along the way. And yet, football finds a way to come down to the final 60 minutes of the year.

For the two best teams in the MIAA, this is exactly how the 2012 season worked out.

Northwest and archrival Missouri Western will square off Saturday in what may become the biggest game of this entire season, not just for these two teams, but possibly for the entire Division-II landscape.

The implications of this matchup were completely unprecedented. Coaches and players simply do not sit down before the season starts and imagine the last game of the year determining everything, according to senior wide receiver Tyler Shaw.

But Northwest head coach Adam Dorrel said that situation is exactly what you hope for at the beginning of the year.

"How many teams, at the beginning of the year, put on their goal board to win a conference championship? I don't care if it's a high school team, a Division-III team or Division-I," Dorrel said. "And how many teams playing in the last week, I mean, how many games across the country Saturday are for a conference championship? ... I bet there's not a lot. So that's real exciting

for me; it's real exciting for our kids; it's real exciting for the Bearcat Nation.

"To have an opportunity to hoist the trophy after Saturday's game, just to have the opportunity makes it special in itself."

This weekend's regular season finale between the No. 4 and No. 11 teams in the nation will determine the MIAA champion, have major implications on Super Region 3 seeding and will hand bragging rights to one fan base for 12 months.

"The fact that it's just so much weight on you ... Just this last game, one game, can decide everything for us," Shaw said. "It's probably the same way with them, too. It's just the fact that it makes it that much more exciting because it's a rivalry game. It's the last game of the year, and it has so much power behind it."

Northwest sits at No. 3 in the Super Region 3 rankings, while Western is tabbed at No. 5.

There is a slight possibility that the loser of this game could miss the playoffs

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McCollum, Northwest basketball open at home

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Northwest men's basketball begins its regular season schedule against NAIA opponent Graceland.

The 'Cats have a full week of practice before they take on the Yellowjackets Sunday. McCollum plans to stress limiting turnovers.

"Offensively, we'll work on taking care of the ball, something we've worked on the last week or two," McCollum said. "It's improved, but needs to continue to get better."

Northwest defeated Graceland last year 90-60 after getting out to a commanding 50-18 half-time lead.

"Last year we got off to a big lead and sort of set it on cruise control and let them back in it," McCollum said. "We need to play with intensity and get after it the whole game."

The 'Cats will have to play without senior guard DeShaun Cooper, who will miss a couple games with an undisclosed injury, according to McCollum.

Northwest dominated Graceland in the post last season, outscoring the Yellowjackets 32-14 in the low blocks and out-rebounding

them 45-17. Northwest will look to utilize its big men without its senior leader, McCollum said.

"A strength of our team is not only going inside, but getting offensive rebounds and being able to get put backs," McCollum said. "We have to play an inside-out game and play through our bigs, especially with DeShaun out."

McCollum knows what his team has to work on following an exhibition loss to Missouri.

"The best thing about playing against a top-tier team like that is you get exposed in a variety of ways," McCollum said. "If you use that and try to fix it in practice, it helps you a ton throughout the year."

The Bearcats were outscored by one point in the second half by the Tigers. Senior guard Alex Sullivan scored a career-high 19 points. Senior guard DeAngelo Hailey finished with 10 points.

"We calmed down in the second half and locked in," McCollum said. "We focused on each individual perspective and played much better as a team. If you play with any selfishness, it makes it difficult to win."

The Bearcats play Graceland at 3:30 p.m. at Bearcat Arena.

"Offensively, we'll work on taking care of the ball, something we've worked on the last week or two. It's improved, but needs to continue to get better."

Ben McCollum



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Senior point guard DeShaun Cooper heads to the rim against Pittsburg State in a game last season. The Bearcats finished with a 22-7 record in 2011-2012.

Northwest versus Mo. West will be one for the ages



Missouri Western . . . two words that lead to many jokes and sheer hatred in Maryville, but this weekend they stand between a MIAA Championship and a possible playoff birth.

With a win, the 'Cats will win another MIAA Championship and will most likely get the No. 2 seed in Super Region 3.

If anyone has had a chance to watch Mo. West, two things are apparent: they will run the rock at you with Michael Hill and their pass rush off the corners is something to be concerned about.

The Bearcats will have to rely on senior All-American tackle Rod Williams and company to slow down those playmaking defensive ends. Northwest has only given up 10 sacks on the season compared to 20 in its 2011 campaign.

Stopping Hill will come down to the 'Cats' secondary being able to go one-on-one and cover the wide receivers for the Griffons. If they can do that, coach Rich Wright will be able to leave the linebackers in the box and keep Hill in check.

If senior quarterback Travis Partridge is on his game, it could lead to trouble for one of the nation's top defenses.

The Bearcats have so many

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